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We read an article by some national "expert" who said Americans were going to have to end the current love affair with lawsuits. That was the first time we had heard the American rash of suing everyone about everything called a "love affair" is a good compromise. It ain't just the laws, it's other people's cases which need to be decided by the 12 of us common folks. Hardly a week goes by without someone complaining of the case of the woman who sued (and collected) after she spilled a cup of hot coffee on her legs ... a cup she was holding between her legs as she drove her car.

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IT'S OFFICIAL...the Christmas Holiday Celebration has begun! Pictured above are Ryan Ward (left) and Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood as Ryan turned on the Christmas lights in Downtown Elba signifying the "official" beginning of the Christmas Celebration. The event took place Tuesday night, December 13th, shortly before the Christmas parade began. The ceremony was scheduled for Saturday evening, December 10, during the Christmas Festival, but the parade and lighting ceremony had to be re-scheduled due to the weather. Better late than never!

*Merry Christmas
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The couple was approached by at least two white men under the pretense of the individuals being carpet salesmen.

The individuals told the couple that they had some damaged carpet that they wanted to sell them.

While showing the couple the carpet in one room of the home, another individual entered another room and removed the money and cut the couple's telephone line.

At the time of the news release, all three individuals were identified as the perpetrators. The two men were reportedly driving a white car.

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department urges everyone to be cautious before allowing strangers to enter their home.

Anyone having any information about this crime or has had any contact with persons(s) selling and/or giving away carpet should contact the sheriff's department at 894-6200 or Crimestoppers at 894-5535.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

ELBA General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 13, 1994 to December 18, 1994.

They were: Mrs. Griggs, Leola Mitchell, Lewis McInnis, Ervin Blackmon, Lillian Whitehead, Annette Coleman, Gerald Eubanks, Johnny Wilson, Johnny Culver, Mary Lou Kelley, Matthew Nelson, Ramona, Dorothy Williams, and Ashley Carter.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Talitha Gay, J. D. Cook, Luden, Klein, B. M. Fuller, Exa Driggers, Harold Kellogg, Johnnie Lee, Travis Magwood, Lewis McInnis, Wanda Davis, Mary Griggs, Robert Pounds, John Taylor, John Tyre, Ervin Blackmon, Zadie Bouyer, James D. Maddox, Gerald Eubanks, and Leola Mitchell.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 - Prowler reported on Thomas St. (1:30 a.m.); River stage - 5.70 feet (6:50 a.m.); Disturbance/right at Cole's residence (11:29 a.m.); Disturbance/right on Caroline St. (5:26 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Caroline St. (7:04 p.m.).

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Views From
THE PRESSBOX
 By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I made my final round of Christmas shopping Saturday night and was mighty tired of fighting the crowds and the traffic by the time I got home. I was even more tired after wrapping the presents, but was more than refreshed Sunday morning when Melanie got up and went screaming to her Mom about some new presents that had appeared under the tree. She wanted me to call Melissia, who had spent the night with her aunts, and just couldn't take her eyes off one of the new gifts that was in a big box. Christmas shopping is a hassle; however, the joy the presents bring to the children makes it all worth while!

ELBA TIGERS STRUGGLE AGAINST 6A FOES

The Elba Tigers moved up in class last week to battle the 6A Enterprise Wildcats and the 6A Carroll Eagles, and found the jump in classes a bit too tough at first. The Tigers had a young season slide to 1-2. The Tigers' lack of an experienced point-guard was evident against Enterprise as the Tigers had problems with the Wildcat man-to-man pressure, while against Carroll it was simply a matter of Elba going up against a better team, and the better team won without much problem.

Despite the losses, the Tigers did have a couple of bright spots in the two games. We saw the outside shooting of Leray Smedley, Smedley playing with a sore knee, but still hitting three three-pointers enroute to a big 17-point performance. Smedley's four points in the first half pay big dividends as the Tigers gain experience and get into the meat of the schedule. Another bright spot was the play of Brian Rowe, who is playing at far less than full-speed after undergoing a knee operation during football season. Rowe has been against Enterprise and scored 13 points, and after the severe knee injury, but has bounced back, and he and his basketball team. With the determination and spirit this team has, just know the wins are coming!

AREA TEAMS ENTER HOLIDAYS WITH HIGH HOPES

The holidays don't mean time off like in years past, but all the teams in the area have to be feeling good about their play during the early part of the schedule. Here's a quick look back at what has happened thus far.

NEW BROCKTON (6-2) has begun to look like the team everyone expected and last week the Gamecocks showed a lot of pride and determination as they struggled in both games before winning their tourney. The Rebels start strong with 14-pointers as points in an opening win over Red Level, but had a late run and allowed the way to the win, and then against Kinston fell behind by 14-points in the second quarter, only to rally late and win by 14-points. New Brockton may be a little short on experience; however, the Gamecocks are learning on the court and are learning well.

Kinston (4-7) showed marked improvement in the New Brockton tournament, and despite being a big lead in the championship game, looked much better than a week ago. The Bulldogs battle hard on the boards and get after the ball as hard as they can. As the season length improves the wins will begin to add up. Let's not let the early season losses fool ya, these Bulldogs will get plenty of wins before it's all over.

ZION CHAPEL (1-7) continued to struggle to get in the win column, but at least the team continued to play well, and it's only a matter of time before the Rebels start playing some folks back. The Rebels are coming together into a very good high school team, and if they can keep their spirits up during the early learning process, they could be a team to watch late in the season.

BRANTLEY (3-0) remained unbeaten last week and began to show signs of being a team everyone expected to see this year. The Bulldogs won't let a lot more about themselves during the holidays when they compete in tournaments in Andalusia, Troy and Dothan, against much bigger teams. However, no matter how well the Bulldogs do, you know Brantley will only get better and better as the season goes.

COLE COMES OUT OF RETIREMENT AT BROCKTON

The last time we saw Coach Charles Cole court-side in basketball was at the 1980-81 State Game way back in 1981, months after leading his New Brockton Grizzlies to a 2A state championship. He retired after the championship season and made a comeback to his post as principal at the New Brockton Elementary School. That was last year, when Coach Cole came out of retirement to take charge of the New Brockton Junior High 7th grade team. Cole claimed many of his wins at the junior high level in New Hope, and must feel right at home with the youngsters, as Cole's career win total to 302, and you can bet that number will go higher and higher as the year goes along. Hey coach, it's good to have you back!

IN CLOSING....

These folks are all mighty proud of North Alabama's back-to-back national champion and the play of former Tigers Ronald McKinnon and Anthony Brooks. However, it is another reason to be proud of the success of the Lions - Coach Bobby Wallace is the son-in-law of Elba's own Bill and Sue Mitchell, and is now the son-in-law of Sharon Mitchell. It certainly looks like Elba's influence on Coach Wallace and the University of North Alabama has produced nothing but dividends.

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Sports

Enterprise Wildcats run past Elba Tigers 71-54

The Elba Tigers saw their record go to 1-1 last Tuesday night when they were outscored by the Enterprise Wildcats 71-54, in Enterprise.

The two cross-county rivals swapped baskets for much of the opening stanza and the Tigers led 11-8 lead with 10:04 left in the first quarter, only to see the Wildcats score two late baskets to grab a 12-11 advantage at the end of the stanza.

Enterprise picked up its intensity on defense in the second quarter to 1-1 last Tuesday night when they were outscored by the Enterprise Wildcats 71-54, in Enterprise.

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Take a stand against drunk driving

"Take a Stand! Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk" is the theme for this December's National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Alabama State Troopers, in partnership with the Traffic Safety Section of ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) and county and local law enforcement agencies, are joining a coalition of national organizations, including the national Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA), in kicking off 3-D month.

A decade of combined efforts by NHTSA, media, and many public

and private organizations and volunteers has demonstrated that prevention works to reduce impaired driving.

3-D month and other strategies are aimed with saving lives and reducing both property and personal damage. In 1993, 17,461 Americans died in crashes involving drivers and pedestrians impaired by alcohol and other drugs. This is the lowest figure in 30 years, but it is still unacceptable.

Alabama State Troopers are joining in this nationwide effort to emphasize the consequences of impaired driving and to support those

methods, including enforcement, education and legislation, that help reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes that claim thousands of innocent lives each year.

Last year, in Alabama, at least 322 persons died and more than 6,400 were injured in result of alcohol-related traffic crashes.

During 3-D month, in addition to routine enforcement of DUI and other traffic laws, troopers, county and city law enforcement officers conduct sobriety checkpoints at various locations statewide as part of the ongoing Checkpoint Alabama program.

The 12-month sobriety

checkpoint program was developed by the Governor's DUI Task Force and launched in October to increase DUI arrests and reduce alcohol-related traffic crashes.

To date, the sobriety checkpoints have been conducted in 34 Alabama counties and have resulted in 51 drunk driving arrests and warnings to more than 24,000 seat belt and child restraint violations.

Throughout 3-D month and the holiday season, troopers remind Alabama motorists to join in the effort to prevent drunken driving crashes by driving safe and sober.

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Children's Book Week Celebration

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Royce Herrington, a local garbage collection contractor, has been fined \$1,000 by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

The fine was for the unauthorized

disposal of solid waste on approximately three to five acres of his property according to an administrative order issued recently by ADEM.

The illegal dumping site is located approximately eight miles southwest of Enterprise, AL off Coffee County Road 646.

The order cited inspections of the site in May 1993 and April 1994 during which ADEM personnel observed that solid waste -- including cardboard, bags of garbage, chicken trays contaminated with blood and raw poultry meat -- had been or were being disposed of illegally.

Following both inspections, ADEM notified the company via certified mail that the disposal of such wastes without a permit was a violation of state solid waste laws and that measures should be taken to close the illegal dump site.

As of the date of the administrative order, Herrington had taken no such steps.

In addition to payment of the fine within 30 days, the order requires that Herrington immediately stop the disposal of solid wastes at the site and cease within one month a plan for its closure.

The order further states that implementation of the closure plan must be completed within 30 days of ADEM's approval of the plan.

ADEM assesses administration penalties based on the seriousness of the violation, the level of care shown by the company, any economic benefit of delayed compliance, preventive efforts, compliance history and ability to pay a fine.

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Farmer's Co-Op Market Report

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December 13 & 14, 1994

ELBA MARKET		Cattle & Calves		Hogs	
Salable Receipts (Est.)	20			550	
Week Ago (Actual)	65			523	
Year Ago (Actual)	8			511	

OPP MARKET		Cattle & Calves		Hogs	
Salable Receipts (Est.)	600			0	
Week Ago (Actual)	903			0	
Year Ago (Actual)	542			0	

BREAKDOWN

HOGS (ELBA Mkt ONLY): Compared to week ago: Barrows & Gilts: 2.00 Higher; US 1-3, 230-250 lbs, 29.50-30.50; US 2-3, 250-270 lbs, 28.25-29.25. Sows: 1.00-2.00 Higher; US 1-3, 300-400 lbs, 15.00-17.00; 400-500 lbs, 17.50-19.50; 500-600 lbs, 18.00-20.00. Feeder Pig: Steers: US 1-3, 300-400 lbs, 10.00-12.00; 400-500 lbs, 11.00-13.00; 80-10 lbs, 31.00-39.00. Barrows: Steers: US 1-3, 300-400 lbs, 10.00-12.00; Under 300 lbs, Unested. **CATTLE & CALVES (OPP Mkt ONLY):** Compared to week ago: Slaughter Cows: 3.00 Higher; Bulls: To Few. Feeders: Classes: Steers: 1.00-2.00 Lower; Heifers: 1.00-2.00 Higher. Replacement or Feeder Cows: 4.00 Lower. **SLAUGHTER CLASS:** Bars: Bon 1-3, 36.00-41.00; HY 44.00-45.00. Cut 1-3, 30.00-34.00. Med 1-3, 40.00-45.00. Lge 1-3, 100.00-130.00. CLASSES: STEERS: Med & Lge 1, 250-300 lbs, 42.50-46.00. FEEDER COWS: 300-350 lbs, 93.00-100.00; 350-400 lbs, 100.00-110.00; 400-450 lbs, 85.00-90.00; 450-500 lbs, 75.00-81.00; 500-550 lbs, 70.00-76.00. Med & Lge 2, 300-350 lbs, 85.00-91.00; 350-400 lbs, 80.00-86.00; 400-450 lbs, 76.00-81.00; 450-500 lbs, 73.00-78.00; 500-550 lbs, 64.00-70.00. FEEDERS: Med & Lge 1, 250-300 lbs, 82.00-88.00; 300-350 lbs, 78.00-85.00. Med & Lge 2, 300-350 lbs, 74.00-79.00; 400-450 lbs, 72.00-78.00; 450-500 lbs, 70.00-75.00. Med & Lge 3, 350-400 lbs, 53.00-60.00 lbs, 62.00-65.50; Med & Lge 2, 250-300 lbs, 70.00-75.00; 400-450 lbs, 67.00-74.00; 350-400 lbs, 66.00-71.00; 400-450 lbs, 64.00-68.00. **COWS REPLACEMENT and/or FEEDERS:** Sml 1-2, 550-700 lbs Cow, Ovr 7 Yrs, 32.50-41.00. Med 1-2, 550-700 lbs Cow, 3-7 Yrs, 40.00-46.00. **COW & CALF PAIRS:** Sml 1-2, 550-700 lbs Cow & Calf, 7/75-200 lbs Calves, 400.00-465.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100 lbs Cow & Calf, 7/200-240 lbs Calves, 500.00-665.00. **BRED COWS:** Sml 1-2, 700-900 lbs Cow, 3-7 Yrs, 3.00-375.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100 lbs Cow, 5-8 Mos, 400.00-500.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100 lbs Cow, 5-8 Mos, 475.00-565.00;

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Each year we invite area children to write a special letter to Santa. Hundreds of children respond. This year there are 642 individual letters to the jolly old man. We are confident the U.S. Postal Service will get this edition of The Elba Clipper to the North Pole before Christmas Eve night!

DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa, What can I get for Grandma? She's such a practical type.

Dear Santa, Grandpa needs a new recliner.

Dear Santa, I'd like to give her something really special!

Dear Santa, I just love it!

Dear Santa, Help! I need a new winter coat.

Dear Santa, Could you please bring my mom a microwave?

Dear Santa, What can I get for a sports nut?

Dear Santa, How did you guess?

Dear Santa,

Santa's Picks

Merry Christmas
to all of you from
all of us at the
Clipper office!

Dear Santa, What can I get for a person who has everything?

Dear Santa,

A safe and Merry Christmas to all !!

Dear Santa,

CREATIVE DAY CARE

Dear Santa,

Holiday! You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Momma is a ring and I have been kind to everyone. What a good girl am I!

Thank you for the baby doll last year. Please bring me a telephone, a baby doll, and a washing machine. I will put a piece of candy by my stocking for my favorite reindeer, Rudolph. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!

Love and kisses,
Derrick Stokes

Dear Santa,

Holiday! You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Momma is a new shirt and I have been kind to everyone. What a good boy am I!

Thank you for the car last year. Please bring me a truck, a big foot, a toy house. I will put a cookie for my favorite reindeer, Rudolph. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!

Love and kisses,
Matt Hooks

Dear Santa,

Holiday! You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Momma is a ring and I have been kind to everyone. What a good girl am I!

Thank you for the Water Baby last year. Please bring me a Barbie doll, a teddy bear, and a toy. I will put a cookie by my stocking for my favorite reindeer, Rudolph. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!

Love and kisses,
Ashley Carpenter

Dear Santa,

Holiday! You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Momma is a shirt and I have been kind to everyone. What a good boy am I!

Thank you for the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles last year. Please bring me a Power Ranger, Sigo tape and a Ninja Turtle. I will put a cookie by my stocking for my favorite reindeer, Rudolph. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!

Love and kisses,
Antwon Tillis

Dear Santa,

Holiday! You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Momma is a dress and I have been kind to everyone. What a good boy am I!

Thank you for the baby doll last year. Please bring me a Barbie Car, a Barbie doll, and a teddy bear. I will put a candy cane by my stocking for my favorite reindeer, Rudolph. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!

Love and kisses,
Lamika Robkins

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Dear Santa,

Holiday! You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Momma is a necklace and earrings and I have been kind to everybody. What a good girl am I!

Thank you for the presents last year. Please bring me a diamond ring, tennis bracelet, and a car. I will put a bowl of milk by my stocking for my favorite reindeer, Cupid. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!

Love and kisses,
Mrs. Roland

Dear Santa,

Holiday! You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Momma is a necklace and earrings and I have been kind to everybody. What a good girl am I!

Thank you for the presents last year. Please bring me a baby doll, a book and surprises. I will put a cookie by my stocking for my favorite reindeer, Rudolph. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!

Love and kisses,
Jeremy Stokes

Dear Santa,

Holiday! You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Momma is a ring and I have been kind to everybody. What a good girl am I!

Thank you for the baby doll last year. Please bring me a coffee set, clothes, and a choo-choo train. I will put a piece of candy by my stocking for my favorite reindeer, Dasher. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!

Love and kisses,
Dannah Williamson

Dear Santa,

Holiday! You must be very busy at the North Pole. I am getting ready for Christmas, too. My gift to Grandmomma is a ring and I have been kind to everybody. What a good girl am I!

Thank you for the bicycle last year. Please bring me a Nintendo, a power tool, accessories, and clothes. I will put a piece of candy by my stocking for my favorite reindeer, Rudolph. I will have a snack for you, too. It is a surprise!

P.S. I want to buy Quiss a baby doll.

Love and kisses,
Kayla Jones

Pearl's Deli

On The Sq. - Elba 897-2048

HOPE IT'S
BRIMMING
WITH JOY

The ribbons and balls,
Are decking the halls,
"Santa Claus," they say,
"Come and visit today!"

Wishing you a "purr-fect" season.
Thanks for your patronage.

PEARL'S DELI

On The Sq. - Elba 897-2048

GOOD TIDINGS

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.
And we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all
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244 E. Davis Elba 897-6531

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a 3 wheeler. I want a go cart. I want a keyboard. I want a 5 speed bike.

Your friend,

Courtney Stanley

Mrs. Archie's 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

I have been very very all year. I hope you bring me these things this year. First I would like a Sagia Nintendo and Simon and a pelet gun. I hope you give lots of presins.

Love,

Dustin Patterson

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring these things for Christmas this year. First I would like a Gymastic Barbie, next I would like a Jumpple doll.

Last I hope that you will bring me a Dog 'n' Gob Rattled Game. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Have a holly jolly Christmas!

Love,

Deanne Hattaway

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Love,

Lacy Sullivan

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas this year. First I would like a Sagia Nintendo and Simon and a pelet gun. My Sixe Barbie for Christmas. Santa, I am going to leave you sum more. I hope you come to my house. Last I will leave you sum milk and cookies. Come December 25, 1994. Love your friend,

Ramsi

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas this year. I would like a new doll. Next I would like a computer too. Most of all I want a Barbie doll. I will leave you sum of milk and cookies.

Love,

Hayley Kilcrease

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas this year. I would like a Sagia Nintendo. Next I would like a new doll. And I want a new computer.

P.S. If you don't bring it this year

Your friend,

Allen Holley

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a Seaga Genes and Sonic and Kuckles game. I want Sonic Three, Two and One and Sonic Spinball. I want a fair and a Condo in New York. I want a Black Bird jet. Your pal,

Whitney Herring

Dear Santa,

I would like a Sagia Garico. Also a Tatolles doll. I would like some rings, bracelets, and earings. I would like a purse. I would like some clothes. Also some boots. I would like a new Lisa Frank set.

P.S. If you roughdof hi. Thanks for helping Santa.

Sincerely,

Abbie Hatcher

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas this year. I would like a Target Tower. Next I would like a new shirt. I would like to have a bed. I want a colored TV.

Your friend,

Jonathan Hataway

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a doll a go-cart, a cat, a puppy, a real car, a tramp-a-jean, a play house. That is all I want for Christmas. And I would like to say thank you!

Love,

Meagan King

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas this year. I would like a Super Nintendo. Next, I would like a new dictionary. Last I would like a computer. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Have a Merry Merry Christmas.

Love,

Lee

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas this year. First I would like a pelet gun and a TV and a 4 wheeler. I hope you come to my house and have a holly jolly Christmas.

Love your friend,

Christopher Jackson

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas this year. First I would like a desk next I would like a book shelf. Last I would like a computer. There are many, many other things too. And I wish you could bring them this year. I hope you will bring me some candy.

Love,

Kontura Edwards

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas. First I would like a desk next I would like a book shelf. Last I would like a computer. There are many, many other things too. And I wish you could bring them this year. I hope you will bring me some candy.

Love,

Billy Johnson

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas this year. First I want a doll house. Next I want a Ken doll. Last I want the Exercise Barbie. We will leave you some cookies and milk. Please come by my house December 25, 1994 have a holly jolly Christmas.

Love,

Tana

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want some earings, shoes, want some clothes and hairbows. I want a Bicycle Barbie and Jympple Barbie. And I want a trampolin for Christmas.

Love,

Amanda Lashley

Dear Santa,

I would like a big teddy bear and a real ring and a fake baby. I will put some cookies on the table. And some milk.

Love,

Tiffany

Dear Santa,

I want a swimming pool and all the things. Turtles play sets and a waterbed.

Love,

Blake Phillips

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice all year. I hope that you will bring me these things for Christmas this year. First I would like a Rattler. Next I would like a dirt bike with a moater. Last I would like a go cart.

Love,

Justin Grimes

Dear Santa,

I want a knee knokrise, 10,000 dlers, and a Sonic stuffed animal.

Love,

Haley Kilcrease

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll and I want a Barbie. I want a new bike for Christmas. I want a cumpier. I want a TV for Christmas. I want a swing set.

Love,

Shayne Farris

Dear Santa,

My name is Allen Holley. For Christmas I would like a Super Nintendo. I would like a motor scooter. I want a big gun, a pellet gun, new video games, for me, Sega, and the very best thing I want is a train set. I also want a computer.

P.S. If you don't bring it this year

Your friend,

Allen Holley

Dear Santa,

My name is Shawn Herring. What I want for Christmas is a Game Boy, skateboard, games, and I want an A's on my report card, but I don't want to fail.

Love,

Shawn Herring

Dear Santa,

My name is Jeremy Hoomes. For Christmas I would like a Red Hot Mustang for my brother. I would also want a girl puppy so my other puppy can have little puppies.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Hoomes

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike. I would like a Target Tower. Next I would like a toy race car. I want a new pair of shoes. I want a new shirt. I would like to have a bed. I want a colored TV.

Love,

Jonathan Hataway

Dear Santa,

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Love,

Meagan King

Dear Santa,

I want a Sagia Genesis and a electric guitar. I also want some finger games, a pool table that has a tennis game, hockey game. I want a real dart board and a recorder.

Love,

Tommy Loupe

Dear Santa,

I want a bike. I want a swing set and a pool. I want a Barbie. I want some dolls. I want Jenny Jemmes. I really want the rest to be a surprise.

Love,

Bridgett Marlowe

Dear Santa,

I want the Python for Christmas. It is a truck that shoots out water. I also want Ricochet. It is a car that has two sides. I want the Spike Tail Predator. It would be nice to have the Mantis Alien.

Love,

Tyler Mock

Dear Santa,

I want a rhee in one arcade game and a Sagia Giniis. I also want a few little toys.

Love,

Jeremy Driver

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Love,

Tana

Mrs. Lowery's 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Baby Check-Up and a jeep.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,

Arrian Bowers

Dear Santa,

My name is Jason. For Christmas I would like a four wheeler, makeup, games, clothes, and real gold jewelry. But, most of all I wish I could go to my Dad's for a couple days. That's what I want for Christmas.

Sincerely,

Jason McLennan

Dear Santa,

My name is Tara Williams. For Christmas I would like some Sister Club books. I already have numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 21, 19, and 30. I also want some Girl Talk books I already have #6. I like Judy books too. I've read Tales of a Forest Green, Nothing, Super Fudge, Fudge-O-Mania, and Otherwise Known as Sheila The Great. Another thing I want is some animal posters or stickers.

Sincerely,

Matthew Wilkerson

Dear Santa,

My name is Josh Odom. For Christmas I would like a bike, video games, and baseball cards. That will be enough.

Josh

Dear Santa,

My name is Angel Cossom. For Christmas I would like a VCR, a Super Nintendo game, and some clothes and shoes, and I want a waterbed with a mirror.

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a shogun and a baby kitten.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Kristoffer Warren

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Power Ranger game and dinosar.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Alex Hudson

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Talking Baby Doll.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Emily Bradshaw

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a TV with remote control.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Michael Messer

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Power Ranger game and dinosar.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Branden Speed

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like an Ultimate Play Gun.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Ryan Copeland

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a clothes horse.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Shawna Whited

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a tree house and cat.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Stephanie Baxley

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a four Wheeler and an instrument.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Matthew Snell

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Baby Kiss and Giggles and a desk.

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Wanda Dean

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

*'Tis Christmastime throughout the land,
The scene is blanketed with snow,
Flakes floating down make it look grand,
With the wind circling to and fro.*

*In the country it's plain to see,
The high spirits of the season,
And we are sure you will agree,
That friendship is the reason!*

Merry Christmas!

WELB / WZTZ RADIO
897-2216 & 897-2217 & 897-5101
Troy Hwy. Elba

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

This year I want a Three-In-One case to keep the equipment in. Can you make the board with a mixture of red, blue and orange? If you can, do it. Thank you for listening to me. Your pal, Christy Eubanks

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a four wheeler and also the Ultimotor and that about it. Love, Ralston

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy sometimes. Me and my brother fight. Any other time I am a good boy. I don't know what I want for Christmas yet. Love, Ricky Marler

Dear Santa Claus,

I do not want much, I just want a dog. If you don't mind try to get all the children that want more than me. And I don't mind what I get. But often get me anything you think that will be good for me. Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,

I want a Patty Cake doll, skates, computer, table, stove and a fister, hair do set. Love,

Michelle Carpenter

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a Happy Christmas. Please bring me my bike. Santa you are a good man, but how do the reindeer fly? I know that's a silly question. But I will know one of these days. Santa I know I can write good, can't I? You probably won't. I hope you can't be bad. But not that bad. Thank you for reading this and you are reading this in The Clipper. Bye, bye, see ya. Love, Brandon Wilson

Dear Santa,

I would like a go-cart and a Sega Genesis for Christmas. And my brothers wants it too. But I want it the best. I think. Love, Jonathon

Dear Santa,

We just can't keep it under wraps...

We Wish You A
Merry Christmas
**BOSWELL
INSURANCE**
707 W. Simmons St.
Elba - 897-5523

Peace On Earth
Here's wishing you all the very best holiday season ever.

WESTERN AUTO
Walt & Betty Cox
N. Court Ave. - Elba
897-6115



Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been very good this year and would like for you to bring me a Super Nintendo, a bike and a porcelain doll and clothes and a gymnastics doll. Thank you Santa, Jennifer Grissett

Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me a 4 baby bulldogs, 2 rattlesnakes, 1 baby rattlesnake, 1 mommy rattlesnake, 2 tarantulas and 2 owls. Thank you Santa, Tina Washington

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me \$10.00, skateboard, a TV, Sega, Game Boy, VCR, Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho. Thank you Santa, Jason Murphy

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me a Viper Race Track and Power Ranger and I want a Super Nintendo and Sega CD. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa, Rashad Robinson

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me a Steelter, TV, Power Ranger, VCR, go-cart, bike. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa, Adam Spicer

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me a go-cart and a Viper Race Track and a Nintendo. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa, Samuel Pulliam

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me a walking doll, 2 Barbie dolls and a teaset. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa, Diana Maidlin

Dear Santa,

My name is Kawana. I'm in the second grade. I would like to have a puppy, skates, bike and a doll. See you at Christmas. Thank you Santa, Kawana Johnson

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been very good this year and would like for you to bring me a Super Game Boy, Sega Genesis and a Super Nintendo. Pow, er Ranger, and a Sega CD and some lovely cookies. Thank you Santa, Deon Crawford

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me Super Game Boy, I love you. Thank you Santa, Cornelius Wright

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me a go-cart and a Sega Genesis, Game Gear, Sega CD. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa, Will Barnes

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me some bracelets, radio, head phones, a book, a kitchen set, po-go stick, Mickey Mouse watch, rings and clip on earrings. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa, Kristi Spinks

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been very good this year and would like for you to bring me Three-In-One Footie, Thirzard, Thunderz, Black Racer, Power Ranger, Yellow Ranger, Megazord, Dragonzord. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa, Trent Van Baker

Dear Santa,

How are you? Santa, I have been very good this year and would like for you to bring me a desk, Barbies, Power Ranger suits. Please leave my dog T-Bit some toys and some bones. Thank you Santa, Autumn Parker

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: firetruck, go-cart, trampoline, Super Nintendo, police. I am 8 years old. I am living in the heights. I am living in a brick house. My house is the third from the right and the sixth house from the left. Thank you Santa, Jonathan Lockett

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: desk, Barbie, baby doll, ring, chair. I will have one stocking that you need to put treats in. Merry Christmas, Santa! Thank you Santa, Anna Harrison

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: skates, Nintendo computer, fishing reel, Gymnasium. I'll leave you cookies. Thank you Santa, Kasey Simmons

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: Sega, Sonic 3, 1000, Street Fighter, Game Gear for Sega. I am 8 years old and I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you Santa, Lamar Boggess

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Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: go-cart, bike, gun, four wheeler, Super Nintendo. I will save you some cookies. Thank you Santa, Ted Caldwell

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me a ten speed bike, a Pink Sega Genesis, Game Boy, and a Video Player. Please bring me a computer, a radio. Mom and Dad anything in their stocking. Thank you Santa, Quinton Gavin

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: radio, pool, Power Ranger, Monopoly, trampoline. I will save you some cookies. Thank you Santa, Katie Dyess

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: Super Nintendo, a bike, a Pororo, a gun, a pool. I'm in Mrs. Waddall's class. I love her in you!

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Dear Santa,
I have been trying extra hard all year. My school work and homework is much better. So please bring me all the toys I have wished for and lots of surprises.

Yours truly,
Matthew McIntosh

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been very good this year. For this reason, I hope you bring me lots of surprises. I would like a Combat Optimus Prime, and lots of surprises. Oh, I almost forgot the new bike and a skateboard with safety gear.

Your friend,
A.J. Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some shoes, a guitar, a new bed, and a new coloring book. I have been good. Have a Happy Christmas.

Love,
Haley



KICK UP YOUR HEELS AND CELEBRATE!
Happy Holidays and sincere best wishes.

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& Staff of 14 - With Over 200 Years Of Combined Experience In Termite And Pest Control Service.

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From all of us to all of you - one more time
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



We hope the message of love and the true spirit of the season makes its way into each heart in every land.

Elba Sound Center
341 Simmons St. 897-5568
&
Gloria's Beauty Shop
340 Simmons St. 897-2781

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I like that it will be Jesus' birthday on December the 25, people forget that. They only remember you. Please bring peach and joy and also a tape recorder like in Home Alone, a remote control car and a Game Boy.

Love,
Josh Tracy

Mrs. Thomas' Kindergarten
Dear Santa,
I want a Jumpy doll, a trampoline, a go-cart, and a Doctor Care Baby, a Barbie Camping (the stars boy and girl Barbie ride a horse, a pony and a Barbie rides a horse, a boy and a girl Barbie, Wedding Barbie (my size), and a dancing Barbie.

Love,
Andrea Proffitt

Dear Santa,
I hope everyone gets what they want. All I want is a bike and a lot of surprises. And a lot of snow. I like to have peace on earth and God's love too.

From,
Jenni Wilkerson

Dear Santa,
I have tried real hard to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a real horse, Little Tikes Castle, Play-Do Bert and Ernie Set, Batman, Tonka Crane, and lots of surprises.

Thank you,
Ashton Nelson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll gym, and a silver jeep, TV, new shoes, clothes, Power Rangers, gloves, and lots of surprises.

Thank you,
LaShonda Cole

Dear Santa,
I want a TV with a VCR and some movies to go with it and some other surprises I have been a good girl this year.

Love,
Brandi Griswold

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a Barbie Motor Home, and a Baby All Well, and Barbie surprises.

Love,
Torri Stone

Dear Santa,
I am waiting to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Power Ranger hand game. Well, bye.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph McGarry

Dear Santa,
I have done my chores. I have been good to my Mom. I remember to use good manners. For Christmas I would like a Heigh Ho game and a Lion King game. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Brittany Allen

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a TV and VCR and Billy Ray Cyrus tape with Akey Brakey Hart and Reba Makrur.

Love,
Anna

Dear Santa,
I want a white Ranger sord. I will put some milk and cookies and I will put a cent.

Love,
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me present. You are nice.

Love,
Emily

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart and a sterio. I would like a computer, stiker doll, Barbie doll, TV, telephone.

Love,
Whitney

Dear Santa,
I would like a trapan and a vato game to and subher else. A buck uen. Love Santa.

(Unsigned)

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sega Game Gaer, Mortal Kombat, and Samery Showdown.

Love,
Tristan

Dear Santa,
I will leave you some milk and Cokes I want a truck.

Love,
Matthew

Dear Santa,
Bring me a truck, brag me a bus, bring me a pulow.

Love,
Desman

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a TV and a boll and a cat.

Love,
Andrea

Dear Santa,
I have been nice to Mom and Dad, and Mrs. Burrows. I love Mrs. Burrows. She helps out with your work. Anyway she is a good Mom and teacher. I would like to have a CD Rom for my computer, and a Hop-A-Roo, and stilts. That's all for this year.

Love,
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Dear Santa,
May Your Holiday Wishes Come True

As you enjoy the season, it's our wish that you know how much we appreciate knowing and serving you.

THE YOUNG WORLD OF LEARNING KDG. & DAYCARE
1440 AL203 Bypass
& **THE OLD HOUSE OYSTER BAR**
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HOPE IT'S A MEMORABLE SEASON

'Tis the season for opening presents and gleeful reminiscences. We remember all the good things our customers brought us this year.

Many thanks for all you've done.

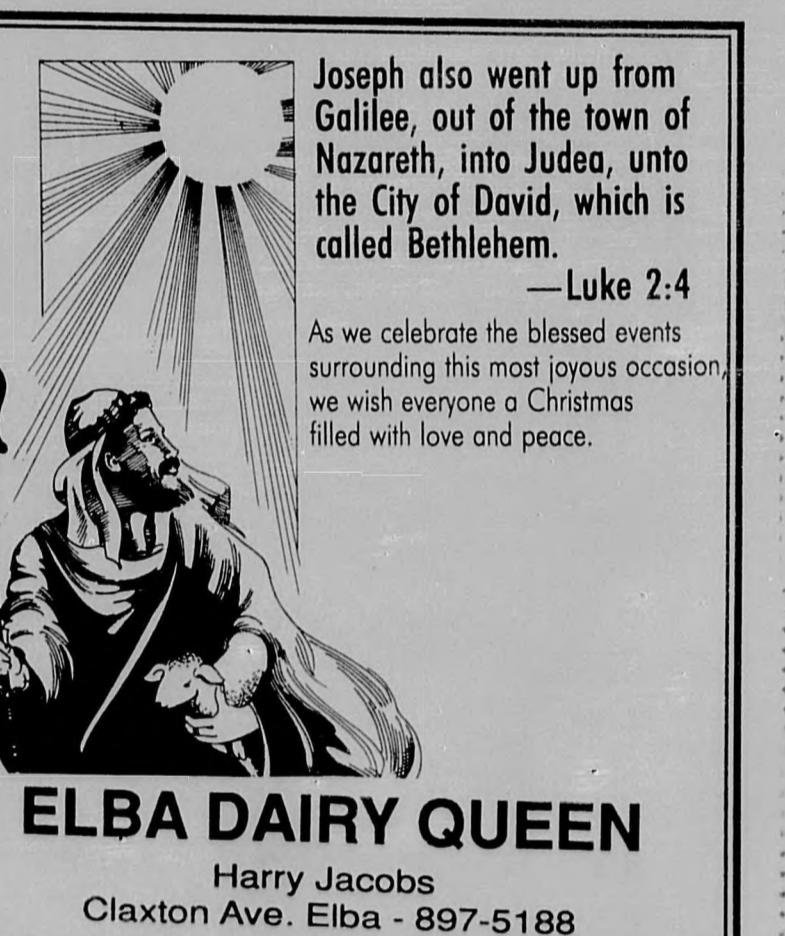
LAWFORD ACE HARDWARE
On The Square Elba, AL 897-2300



Blessings Of The Season
We count your friendship among ours on this joyous occasion. Our very best wishes to all.

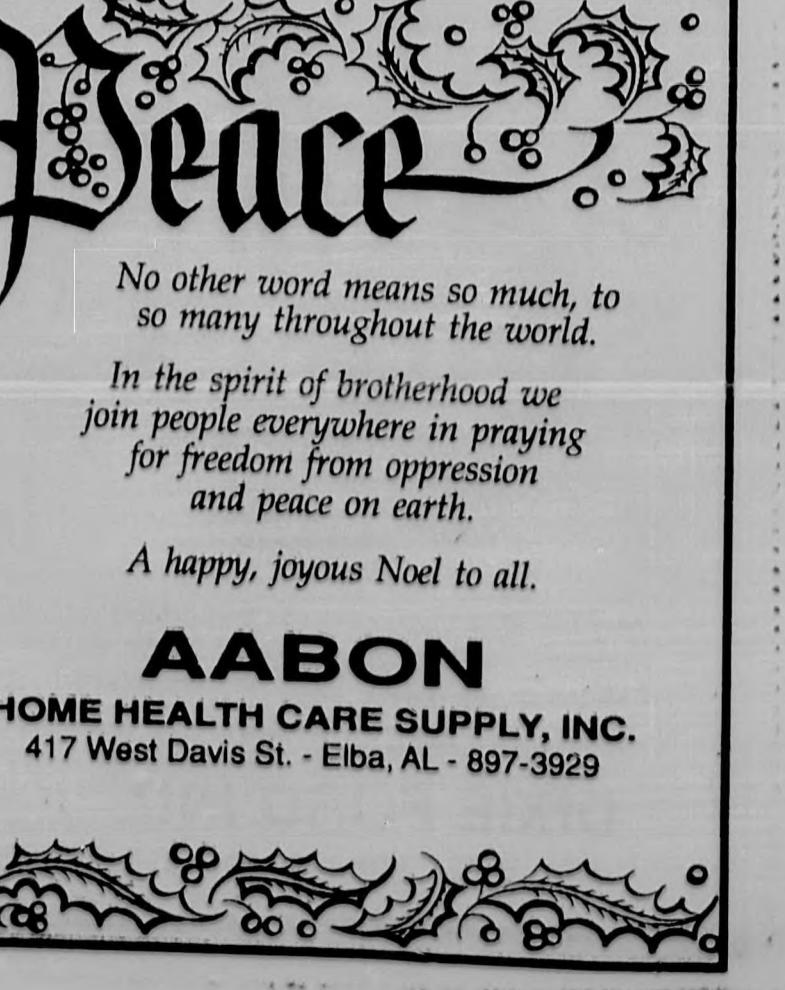
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We hope what's in the boxes is just what you wished for. And it's our sincere wish that all the good cheer you brought to us to be delivered to you many times over.

Our holiday just wouldn't be the same without you. Thanks for the wonderful gift of your friendship and loyalty!

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A look back at the events of 1994 as 1995 approaches

Where has this year gone? As we bid farewell to 1994 and prepare to begin the year, it is important we pause and briefly reflect on the past.

The following excerpts were taken from news items as they were reported on the front pages of *The Elba Clipper* during the past year.

JANUARY

January 6 - The Elba Housing Authority, along with Authorities from Enterprise, Ozark, Troy and Dothan, has formed a coalition and have purchased the latest drug detection equipment. This detection system is known as an ICS-1000, a new video camera presented (picture). The Elba Police Department was recently presented a new surveillance video camera by Dorsey Trailers.

January 13 - Front page headlines: Elba City Council into new old problems tag along; Elba Utility Department operating within last year's margin; New tax collection system for New Brockton; Howard Lee enters county sheriff's race; Elba building for Mapping & Appraisal; Patterson to be guest speaker at Chamber's Annual Banquet.

January 20 - Elba's Evergreen Cemetery receives \$100,000 donation. The City of Elba honored Evergreen Cemetery with a plaque and checks to be signed by the mayor or clerk and one of two city council members; Wes Laird kicks off state senatorial campaign; Charlie Walker enters race for state representative; A. L. Ellis of Tarpon Springs, FL, was donating \$100,000 to the trust fund; Sheriff Brice Paul will not seek re-election; Elba City Council discusses payroll.

January 27 - City council cannot agree on counter offer to (Ricky) Mularz; Ronnie Whitworth announces candidacy for Sheriff of Coffee County; Near the end of the month session of the City Council, the commission chairman, Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel proposed a straw vote on the courthouse issue; (picture). Man dies in one-vehicle wreck; Jeffery Scott Coster, 29, of Route 1, Arinton, AL, lost his life when his Chevrolet S-10 pickup left the roadway and landed in a ravine.

February 3 - Coach Bryant Steele honored by NBHS - (picture) Coach Steele coached his first year of basketball in New Brockton during the 1960-61 school year; (picture) A new Jaycees Chapter was recently organized in Elba; Judge Marion Johnson sworn in as president of Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

February 10 - Front page headlines: Audit report reveals Town of New Brockton financially sound; Holley (Dwight) will enter sheriff's race; Law enforcement association officer (Gordon Luck) - former New Brockton Chief of Police; Special grand jury returns no indictment in [Enterprise] hostage shooting.

February 17 - Headlines - Elba City Council has approved a resolution to occupational tax; Elba offers Mularz \$27,500 and job; Jim Weatherford announces candidacy for circuit judge; Bets continues in race for seat on the Alabama Supreme Court; Best Moates enters race for sheriff; Coffee County Board of Education members hear parent's complaint.

February 24 - The Elba City School Board has approved two changes to policies. One is a board policy dealing with requirements for admission to Elba High School; the other is a code of conduct and discipline plan for the elementary school; Dwight Adams seeks state senate seat; Steve Blair enters race for district judge; Shooting incident in Mulberry.

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March 3 - The Elba City Council approves the sale of five acres of land to Cash Brothers Leasing. Thomas E. Head announces candidacy for circuit judge; Gary Proctor announces candidacy for probate judge; Wendell (Buddy) Ammons to make bid for sheriff's office in June; Howard Lee out of sheriff's race; Elba officials don't reach settlement in federal lawsuits.

March 10 - In a surprise announcement Monday evening, State Representative Jimmy Holley, of Elba, enterprise police have arrested the former police chief of New Brockton, Richard Lee Nichols, in the connection with the theft of \$50,000. Nichols has served 350 days of his 30-day term as police chief. Captain's term ends; Boyd Hartung announces candidacy for sheriff on Republican ticket.

March 17 - Mayor and council disagree over check signing. An ordinance was approved by the council requiring a purchase order and checks to be signed by the mayor or clerk and one of two city council members; Wes Laird kicks off state senatorial campaign; Charlie Walker enters race for state representative; A. L. Ellis of Tarpon Springs, FL, was donating \$100,000 to the trust fund; Sheriff Brice Paul will not seek re-election; Elba City Council discusses payroll.

March 24 - Elba man's body found in field along side AL Hwy. 87S. The Alabama Department of Forensic Science identified the body as that of Jackie Morris, age 39, of Elba; Larry Lee enters race for state senatorial campaign; E. B. and W. E. Board, 125 water project; School board adopts disease policy. Police arrest Elba女子 on drug charges.

March 31 - Brice Paul resigns office - Effective, March 31, 1994 at 12:01 a.m. Paul will be succeeded by Sheriff of Coffee County, Terry Spicer; Terry Spicer wins seat; Terry Ellis enters Senate race; Elba City Council hears cost cutting measures; County commission wants fence removed from road.

April 7 - Mickey Murdock, Chairman of the Elba Water and Electric Board for the past several years, submits his resignation effective Friday, April 8th; Elba joins area towns in relief effort for Piedmont; Elba prepares for Band Day '94; Political season is upon us along side the road.

April 14 - New Pizza Hut officially opens doors (picture) of ribbon cutting ceremony with local dignitaries and beauty queens joining Pizza Hut officials in cutting the ribbon; Elba City School System receives good news from accreditation committee; Medical Center Enterprise changing hands in four hospital trade off.

April 21 - Headlines - Mayor Haywood's sales tax increase; G. L. Yerger to head Elba W. E. Board; Mark Pool named Engineer of the Year by his peers; Shooting in Mulberry Community leaves County man (Marie Clifford Brooks, age 28) dead; Gov. Folsom appoints Mickey Counts as Interim Sheriff of Coffee County.

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June 23 - Cost of city water (Elba) may increase; Voters must return to polls June 28; Marsha Ogles named to the Alabama House of Representatives; Gammie announces candidacy for Probate Judge of Coffee County; Haywood's arraignment set for today; Flood control topic of discussion (picture) at meeting of Choctawhatchee-Pearl River Watershed Management Authority.

June 30 - Kleinert's celebrates 125 years of operation - 25 years in Elba; Primary run-off elections now histo-

ry - Ben Moates is the Democratic nominee for sheriff; Terry Spicer is the Democratic nominee for state Senate; Dorsey Trailers expanding; Kinston prepares for festival.

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May 5 - Headlines - City council certifies set-dry petition to be used for June 7th's May hearing on re-zoning order against Mayor Haywood unnecessary; Counts wins state sheriff Monday; County work release prisoners don't like jail; Tom Green enters Rep's race; Garrett Moore runs for House seat; Masked bandit armed with shotgun robs convenience store.

May 12 - Vester Cole Day Saturday, May 21, 1994; Harry Carl Brown, Elba police chief, retires; Elba enterprise police have arrested the former police chief of New Brockton, Richard Lee Nichols, in the connection with the theft of \$50,000. Nichols has served 350 days of his 30-day term as police chief. Captain's term ends; Boyd Hartung announces candidacy for sheriff on Republican ticket.

May 17 - New Brockton applies for \$11,729.00 grant to be used in updating the town's ordinances; Patrick Norris joined the Coffee County Sheriff's Department as an investigator; Elba students score high on SAT (picture); Elba students score highest in entire state; Contactor awarded on U.S. Hwy. 84E and Al Hwy. 189N; Special Council and W. E. Board meetings called.

May 22 - Elba man's body found in floodwaters again; Elba River crested at 38.15 feet in Elba. Flood stage is at 30 feet; Damage heavy but not as great as March '90 Flood; Coffee County Commission focuses on Flood of 1994; A new bridge is being installed in the levee at the Whitewater Bridge on Smith Avenue and another picture shows flood waters completely covering Elba Street on the other side of the bridge.

May 24 - Elba City Council in closed door session to discuss matter involving the police department; Damage sites (caused by flood waters) to county roads exceed 2,000; Unrest exists in Brown's Police department; Enterprise man (Ronald Talmadge Henderson, age 30) murdered; FEMA gives disaster assistance update.

May 28 - Elba Police Chief (Jack Parker) withdraws resignation - the chief had suddenly resigned last Friday; Council (Elba City Council) discusses water, drainage, and laundry. Fontenot discussed the Elba area enjoys southern style retirement (Picture of Dr. Kenneth Strong with Buckshot (an army mule), retired Army mascot; Landfill Water Protection contract awarded.

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